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Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on 07 October 2005. The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because newly submitted claims 3-11 are directed to an invention (method for keeping a bag closed) that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed (a device) for the following reasons the device can be used in a materially different process of using the product such as holding athletic equipment in place against a user's body. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Since the submission appears to be a bona fide attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period for reply supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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